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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH) at 10 o'clock.

## PRAYER

Reverend Mike Coleman, Pastor, Park Methodist Church, Hannibal, Missouri, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who governs the world in righteousness and whose judgments are true and righteous altogether, grant that those who rule over our land and who legislate for us, its citizens, may be of one mind in order to establish true justice and to truly promote the general welfare of all our people.

As You, God of Eternity, anointed leaders and called-forth prophets of old, bring to us again Your spirit which makes holy, and call forth from this august assembly today newly-dedicated prophets and newly-determined leaders who will deliver Your message of truth and not just their own.

Lead us to recognize those true representatives and authentic leaders as men and women who walk with You, who love Your people and can walk with them, who empathize their pain and share their joys, who dream their dreams and strive to accompany them in their common goal.

In Your fire and with Your spirit embolden and commission we the people to empower these, our nationally-elected officials, to serve in ways that bring real glory to Your name.

Endow each of these, our representatives, with a right understanding, a pure purpose and a sound speech. Enable them to rise above all self-seeking and party zeal to the nobler concerns of public good and human brother- and sisterhood.

Cleanse our public life of every evil, subdue in our country all that is harmful, and make us to be a disciplined and devoted people, that we may do Your will on Earth, as it is done in heaven.

We ask these things, O God, in the name of Jesus, Your Son, the Christ. Amen.

## THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. KINGSTON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KINGSTON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes from each side.

## PASTOR MICHAEL COLEMAN

(Mr. HULSHOF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HULSHOF. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to commend the Reverend Michael Coleman, known as Pastor Mike to his parishioners. This morning Pastor Mike opened the United States House of Representatives with his blessings, and we are thankful that the people of Park Methodist Church in Hannibal, Missouri, were nice enough to share him with those of us here in Washington. It is wonderful to hear him spreading the good news.

Pastor Mike has a reputation for bringing folks together, not just Democrats and Republicans, but communities as well. When he served as president of the Ministerial Alliance in Hermann, Missouri, Pastor Mike led an evangelistic crusade that united churches and aided folks in the recovery of their spirit from the 1993 great flood of the Missouri river.

Pastor Mike was designated the Interfaith Regional Disaster Flood Coordinator, and built a team that included churches working along with the local rural mental health center in dealing with clean-up efforts, with the repair and placement of necessities as well as the emotional care of those who were suffering with post-traumatic stress. This was accomplished as a variety of churches and workers came to the area from all across the country, as they did in many communities.

I would like to thank, Mr. Speaker, Pastor Mike, his wife, Nancy, his daughter, Abi, for taking time out of their busy schedules to visit the Nation's Capital. It is a honor to have Pastor Mike bless the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

## REGARDING THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS

(Mr. DELAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, there he goes again. The President of the United States is trying, once again, to go around the American people to implement his liberal agenda. He signed an executive order that greatly expands affirmative action programs in the Federal Government to include sexual orientation as a protected class.

Now most Americans believe that every human being has basic rights, including the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but why

should someone's sex life be a reason for special status in our government?

Mr. Speaker, the President is out of touch with the American people. The American people do not want quotas, they do not want special preferences, and they certainly do not want affirmative action based on sexual orientation.

Like the President's efforts to put homosexuals in the military, this executive order should be resisted. The American people stand for fairness, not for special breaks for special interests.

## THE RENOVATION OF LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, Robert F. Kennedy once said when one of us prospers, all of us prosper, and where one of us falters, so do we all.

Over the weekend in my hometown of South Bend, Indiana, we all succeeded and prospered. That is because our local community came together. Inspired by former coach Digger Phelps, the Rotary club organized a renovation of a local school. We raised \$200,000. J.V. Peacock and Tom Forsey did all the organization with this local Rotary Club, and 700 volunteers descended on a school to renovate, refresh and renew a local school.

I commend my local community for this modern-day old fashioned barn raising or refreshing of a local school. I commend this effort at the local community and give them all the credit in the world. This was not a Federal program, this was locally driven, and I hope many other school districts and congressional communities will replicate this fine example of local commitment to our public education system.

## SALUTING LOCAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

(Mr. ROGAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, as we work to strengthen education, I wish to spotlight a few schools in my district that have made great strides for our children.

Every year the California Department of Education recognizes schools from across the State that have established a successful track record. Of the 5,000 elementary schools in California, only 200 receive the California Distinguished School award. I am pleased to report that this year four of those schools are in my district.

While Hamilton, Paradise Canyon, Thomas Edison and Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary Schools each serve different school districts, one thing remains the same. They are all finding innovative ways to meet the needs of local students.